

Perchlorate in Drinking Water

On February 2, 2011 the US Environmental Protection Agency announced a decision to move forward with regulation of perchlorate in drinking water. That announcement is here:

<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/unregulated/perchlorate.cfm>

Washington Aqueduct regularly tests for perchlorate in the Potomac River supply and in the water produced by our two drinking water treatment plants, Dalecarlia and McMillan.

The results of our 2010 sampling are provided here.

	Potomac River	Dalecarlia WTP	McMillan WTP
Units	ppb	ppb	ppb
Jan	ND	ND	ND
Feb	ND	ND	0.5
Mar	ND	ND	ND
Apr	0.4	0.4	0.4
May	0.6	0.4	0.5
Jun	0.4	0.4	0.4
Jul	0.7	0.8	0.7
Aug	0.4	0.4	0.5
Sep	1.5	1.0	0.6
Oct	0.5	0.7	1.1
Nov	0.9	0.9	0.8
Dec	0.6	0.5	0.5

ppb is parts per billion or micrograms/Liter